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1. The KUTAISI (42°40' E/42°01' N) airfield was located about five thousand feet northwest of the town, immediately west of the road leading northwest to TSKHALTEBQ (see "annex"). An automobile plant was situated about 3 5 miles west of the town, north of a road leading almost straight west. The field was about 6,600 x 10,000 feet and had a railroad spur track and a 50 x 2,000 foot concrete runway which extended in the longitudinal direction of the airfield.
  2. The quarters and barracks were located on the southern field section. During the period of observation the field was occupied by an average of about two hundred various aircraft types which were identified, exactly described, and confirmed by fellow PWs, all former Air Force soldiers.
    - a. Ily-2: Single-engine low-wing monoplane; in-line engine; retractable landing gear; fixed tail wheel, three-bladed propeller, pronounced cockpit cowling; antenna rod aft of cockpit.
    - b. Yak-3 (or Yak-9): Single-seat low-wing monoplane; in-line engine; landing gear and tail wheel retractable; same with end caps without flap at bottom of fuselage.
    - c. Ilyu-5: Single-seat low-wing monoplane; wooden construction; noticeably large compartment in front of cockpit; antenna rod far to the rear; landing gear and tail wheel retractable.
    - d. PS-84 (about 20 planes): Two radial engines; all-metal construction; low-wing monoplane; windows and landing flaps at the side, single rudder assembly. This aircraft type was used almost exclusively for parachuting.
    - e. U-2: Used for flight training and individual paratrooper jumps.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Reports of October 1948 stated that the airfield was 3,500 x 6,000 feet and occupied only by IL-2s which made individual flights and were used for training. According to the numerous aircraft types observed, the airfield is assumed to be occupied by a pilot school.

1 Annex: Airfield of KUTAISI.

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